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ABSTRACT

This document guides teachers through the production of a docu-drama designed to raise environmental awareness for primary school children aged 5-9 years old. The play is a narrated account of seven environmental problems and solutions that is acted in mime, rhyme, and song and could be adapted as a dramatic environmental awareness exercise. The guide contains a teacher's script, reproducible chorus script, costume descriptions, complete staging directions, parent program and invitation, and student activity pages. Part 1 of the play seeks to educate the performers and the audience in a light hearted manner by identifying major problems that face "Mother Earth" through song, poetry, and accompanying skits. Part 2 is designed to involve students personally as script writers and provides them with a forum for expressing environmental views. Five concluding skits and chorus participation address the resolution of the major seven problems in practical terms for the young children. The problems addressed include acid rain, air pollution, disappearing animals, the greenhouse effect, the ozone hole, water pollution, and waste disposal. The play is approximately 20 minutes long, and can be staged by either a small or very large group. (LZ)

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